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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH TURKISH MINISTER OF HEALTH
ON WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS

BANGKOK FOR CLAXTON, S/PM

REF: STATE 74520, 86753(NOTAL)

SUMMARY: SPENGLER (S/PM) DISCUSSED U.S. AND TURKISH
PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE WITH GOT
MINISTER HEALTH MAY 2 IN LIGHT UPCOMING ECE CONSULTATIONS RE
CONFERENCE. PRESENTED U.S. VIEWS ON LATEST U.N. DRAFT
WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.
END SUMMARY.

1. FSO SPENGLER, S/PM, CONFERRED WITH GOT MINISTER OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE SELAHATTIN CIZRELIOGLU MAY 2 RE U.S. AND
TURKISH VIEWS ON PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE
(WPC). SINCE GOT WILL PARTICIPATE IN WPC PREPARATORY CON-
SULTATIONS IN GENEVA MAY 29-31 UNDER ECE AUSPICES, RATHER
THAN BANGKOK MAY 9-13 UNDER ECAFE, GUIDANCE FOR PRE-
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CONFERENCE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS PROVIDED IN STATE 86753 TO

ECAFE COUNTRY POSTS WAS FOLLOWED WITH APPROPRIATE MODIFICATIONS. TANDOGAN TOKGOZ, ACTING DIRGEN OF PUPULATION PLANNING, MOH; SONMEZ KOKSAL, SECTION CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF UN ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS, MFA; GURNEY, POPULATION OFFICER, USAID/T; AND E.Y. GUR, USAID/T (INTERPRETER) ALSO PARTICIPATED.

2. MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGED AT OUTSET THAT GOT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED COPY OF THIRD DRAFT WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION (WPPA) COMPLETED RECENTLY BY WPC SECRETARIAT. NOR HAS GOT DECIDED AT WHAT LEVEL AND BY WHOM IT WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT WPC. MINISTER UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT DR. TEVFIK ALAN, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE, MOH, WOULD REPRESENT TURKEY AT ECE WPC PREPARATORY CONSULATATIONS GENEVA. (COMMENT: IT APPARENT THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH HOPES PLAY INFLUENTIAL ROLE IN TURKISH DELEGATION TO WPC, BUT THAT NEW MINISTER NOT YET WELL INFORMED ON PLANS AND IMPLICATIONS OF CONFERENCE; AND THAT TURKISH REPRESENTATION SUBJECT TO PROBLEMATIC FACTORS INCLUDING MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS DESIRE TO PLAY DOMINANT ROLE, INTRA-AND INTER-MINISTERIAL PERSONAL RIVALRIES, AND SENSITIVITY TO CONSERVATIVE FP/POP VIEWS OF MINORITY NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY ELEMENT IN NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT.)

3. SPENGLER OPENED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION EMPHASIZING SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF WPC AS FIRST INTERNATIONAL POPULATION CONFERENCE ON POLICY AND AT GOVERNMENT LEVEL; URGED STRONGEST AND MOST POSITIVE POSSIBLE TURKISH PARTICIPATION AND EXPRESSED HOPE FOR CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN U.S. AND TURKISH DELEGATIONS.

4. MINISTER ASSERTED THAT GOT FULLY APPRECIATES SERIOUSNESS OF RAPID POPULATION GROWTH IN TURKEY AND WORLD; RECONGIZES IMPORTANCE OF WPC IN PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING; AND INTENDS PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN IT. ALSO EMPHASIZED ESSENTIALITY OF APPROACHING "POPULATION PLANNING" THROUGH INTEGRATED MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH (MCH) AND FAMILY PLANNING(FP) PROGRAMS, AND ECON DEVELOPMENT.

5. SPENGLER ASSURED MINISTER USG FAVORS INTEGRATED HEALTH/ MCH/FP APPROACH WHERE PRACTICABLE AND PREFERRED BY COUNTRY, AND POINTED TO RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF UN DRAFT WPPA ON (1) THIS SUBJECT, (2) INTERRELATEDNESS OF POPULATION GROWTH CONTROL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND (3) ADVOCACY OF REDUCTION IN MORTALITY/MORBIDITY AND IMPROVEMENT IN EUALITY OF LIFE.

6. SPENGLER THEN PRESENTED TALKING POINTS AS SET FORTH PARA 7 OF STATE 86753(NOTAL), EMPHASIZING POINTS: 7(7), SUPPORT FOR STRONG WPPA PORIVSION ON HUMAN RIGHT TO FP INFO AND SERVICES; (8), SUPPORT FOR WPPA PROVISION RE GOALS FOR REDUCING POPULATION GROWTH BY 1985; 7(9), ESTABLISHING REPLACEMENT LEVEL AS EVENTUAL

GOAL FOR ALL COUNTRIES; AND 7(11/12), WORKING WITHIN GENERAL CONTEXT OF THIRD DRAFT BUT SEEKING IMPROVE ITS FORMAT AND STRENGTHEN SOME KEY PROVISIONS. LEFT COPIES OF TALKING POINTS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY MOH AND MFA PARTICIPANTS.

7. DURING DISCUSSION MINISTER ALSO (1) CLAIMED SOME SUCCESS FOR TURKISH FP EFFORTS SINCE ADOPTION POPULATION PLANNING LAW 1965, (2) STRESSED UTILITY OF INTERNATIONAL FP SEMINARS SUCH AS ONE RECENTLY CONDUCTED ANKARA (IN WHICH HE TOOK PART) FOR IMPROVING AWARENESS, (3) SUGGESTED THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ANNOUNCE THEIR WPC DELEGATIONS EARLY AS INSPIRATION TO LDC'S, AND (4) URGED MAXIMUM EXTERNAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LDC POPULATION PROGRAMS.

8. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED BY COURTESY CALL ON UNDERSECRETARY OF HEALTH DR. OSMAN YASAR, STRONG SUPPORTER OF MINISTRY'S FP EFFORTS. TALKING POINTS SUMMARIZED AND PAPER ALSO LEFT WITH YASAR WHO AGREED DO WHAT HE CAN TO PROMOTE POSITIVE RESPONSE WITHIN GOT.

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